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President's Board Report
Mountain Plains Library Association
Sharon Osenga

I have written my final presidential column for the newsletter as well as a welcome letter for the conference program.

The Electronic Communities Working Group is appointed and hard at work. David Oberhelman is chairing this group.

I have spoken with the travel agency regarding the MPLA Ireland trip. The itinerary is set and I should have the pricing for the brochure by early summer. Deposits will be due December 31, 2007 and final payment two weeks prior to the trip. Departure date is tentatively set for July 6, 2008. We have had quite a few people express interest in receiving further information. I have kept a list so I can send them a brochure directly. I plan to ask Dan to post the information to the web site and will also give Judy an article for the newsletter.

With funding now established for the Leadership Institute, Wayne will be proceeding with the contracts for both Maureen Sullivan and Mary Bushing. This will complete all of our MPLA contracts for 2007.

An invitation: Please join Wayne and me for an MPLA reception in my suite at the Doubletree on Thursday evening after the Awards Banquet. Snacks and drinks will be provided. This is a great way to get to know your fellow board members in a more informal environment.

My suite will also be open Wednesday and Friday evenings for people to gather and talk and drink and eat. You will need to bring your own drinks and snacks on these evenings!